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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORT ABUJA LAND AGREEMENT; HARARE

11. THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE" USED ITS NOVEMBER 1 EDITORIAL TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE TO SUPPORT THE ABUJA LAND. UNDER HEADLINE "THE WAY FORWARD," THE PAPER COMMENTS:

12. "NOTHING COULD BE MORE TRAGIC FOR ZIMBABWE THAN THE DELIBERATE MISINFORMATION BEING PERPETUATED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS SYCOPHANTIC MEDIA THAT HARARE HAS COMPLIED WITH ABUJA AND MUST THEREFORE BE GIVEN FUNDING FOR THE LAND REFORMS. THE ABUJA LAND PACT IS VERY CLEAR ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND BY WHOM: THE ZIMBABWE GOVERNMENT MUST IMPLEMENT THE ACCORD FIRST AND THEN BE REWARDED WITH FUNDING FROM BRITAIN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL DONORS AND NOT THE OTHER WAY ROUND. . . . THE KEY ELEMENT OF ABUJA, WHICH HAS RIGHTLY ALSO BECOME THE UNDERLYING CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) AND THE UNITED STATES, IS THE RESTORATION OF THE RULE OF LAW IN ZIMBABWE. IT IS CLEAR THAT ONCE THIS HURDLE HAS BEEN OVERCOME, ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN ZIMBABWE - THIS INCLUDES THE RESOLUTION OF THE LONG-FESTERING LAND CRISIS - WILL SIMPLY FALL INTO LINE WITHOUT ANY MORE PROBLEMS. NOT ONLY WOULD FUNDING FOR THE AGRARIAN REFORMS BE FORTHCOMING ONCE THE RULE OF LAW IS ADDRESSED BUT THE LAND REDISTRIBUTION SCHEME WOULD NOW BECOME LEGAL AND TRANSPARENT, THUS FULFILLING THE OTHER CONDITIONS SET BY ABUJA, THE EU AND THE U.S. . . ."

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